



# HI-Q

## THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

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### LARC EXECUTIVE 2003-2004

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### LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT MOUNT BALDY 147.060 (-600) FP  
VE3TBR ST. JOSEPH'S 146.820 (-600) FP  
442.075 (+5 MHz)  
VE3BGA HILLCREST H.S. 145.450 (-600)  
( IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

### *The Prez Sez*

Well its time for our annual dinner meeting at the Slovak. You do have your tickets right? Getting close but still time to call me and pick up some.

We have a different speaker for our entertainment after dinner this year. We have a magician to show off his skills. Should be an enjoyable evening and it's a good chance to see some old friends again.

For the March meeting we will be following the new format and have a guest speaker lined up. He should also give us some good ideas on a different aspect of Ham Radio. I'll fill you in once more details have been finalized.

As you can see else where in Hi Q the local QRP group has been out in the wilds of Boulevard Lake operating in the FYBO contest. If you're interested in some QRP operating let me know and next time we will let you know when we plan to get together.

As always if you have anything you'd like to see at the meeting or you would like to 'show and tell' let me know and we will be pleased to accommodate you.

See you at the Dinner at the Slovak, Feb 21 at 6PM.

*Bill VE3XT*

## Minutes of a meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

January 08, 2004

Held in Room 191, Confederation College

The meeting called to order by the President. **Bill Unger, VE3XT**, 31 members and friends in attendance.

Our expected speaker for the evening did not show, and no indication that he was coming, so the meeting proceeded to business.

As there was no official meeting in December, there were no minutes to ratify.

The treasurer's report showed a Bank balance of \$ 3,671.05. Expenses totalled \$ 270.32

On a motion by **Terry Stewardson, VA3LU**, seconded by **Glen Wallace, VE3ICY**, the treasurer's report was carried.

A reminder that the **Annual Dinner Meeting** for this year was slated for

**Saturday, February 21** at the Ortona Legion. Cost was \$24 per person.

Classes were to begin **Thursday, January 29** with registration. Cost would be \$60 per person.

Once again **Ed Baumann, VE3SNW** is the chief instructor.

Sibley Ski Tour: **Saturday, March 06** is the date for this annual event. **Norm Bell, VE3XRC** is in charge of our participation and at this point he was in need of a few more volunteers.

Equipment: **Terry Stewardson, VA3LU**, announced that the Upsala repeater was up and running, and was reachable from some parts of town. Linking to this location was to be worked out yet, and a few options were being explored. A patch problem on **VE3YQT** is to be investigated shortly.

Website: **Terry, VA3LU** asked for an autobiography of **Pat O'Shea, VE3FW**, our first President in 1934, and any early photographs that were available, to be featured on the website for this, our 70<sup>th</sup> year. **Terry's** efforts on the new website were applauded by all present.

ARES: **Randy Gottfred, VA3OJ** is getting ready to put out a new call-out list. Forms were available on the website, [www.larclub.net](http://www.larclub.net), or from him personally.

**Dave Kimpton, VE3AVS** felt that there may too narrow a focus on emergencies only, and *all* activities of ARES should be publicized. **Norm Bell, VE3XRC** includes a report on our ARES activity in his monthly reports to RAC's Northern Ontario Rep.

At the previous meeting in November, our leader passed around sheets of paper on which the membership was encouraged to write down what they would like to see at the meetings. Among other things there were: Ghz communications, Tuning and using "antique" equipment, QRP talk and demo, QRP and slow speed CW, the OPP swat team, astronomy, how to use test equipment, Ham radio and the internet, and antenna building. Quite a variety of ideas.

February 28 is the time for the FYBO (Free Your Buns Off), QRP, 4- hour, field day test. This would be held once again at Boulevard Lake's Birch Point, in the afternoon, set up late in the morning. All are welcome to visit and participate.

**New Business:** Bob Hansen, VE3RVA, proposed a motion that the trailer be officially called the LARC MOBILE COMMAND POST. It was felt that the term "COMMAND POST" was not proper, and that the title be modified to "LARC MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER".

This was passed.

John Watson, VE3GTX had available a list of equipment of silent key, Eric Rupprecht, VE3RUE.

The 50/50 Draw was won by Terry Stewardson, VA3LU.

**From the Estate of Erich Rupprecht VE3RUE**

- ICOM 730 HF rig
- TEN TEC 555 Scout with 10/17/40/80 modules
- PROSTAR 400 10 Meter AM/FM/SSB Mobile
- RADIO SHACK HTX 100 10 Meter AM/FM/SSB Mobile
- ICOM 575HA Dual Band all mode 28-50 MHz
- AZDEN PCS 7500 6 Meter
- ICOM IC 229H 2 Meter

Contact: John VE3GTX  
683-3199  
[jwatson@tbaytel.net](mailto:jwatson@tbaytel.net)

**From Lindo Scalese VE3NHX 344-8217**

For Sale: ADI AT201 VHF Rig  
With Full owners manual \$175

## **Little Thunder QRP FYBO 2004**

Again this year the Little Thunder QRP club went out and participated in the FYBO contest. FYBO is a short form for Freeze Your Buns Off. It's a contest sponsored by the Arizona Scorpions QRP Club.

The premise is to get QRP'ers to the field to set up and operate. The point system is weighted on a temperature scale; the colder it is at the operating position the more points each QSO is worth.

Well you know with the temps we get here in Northwestern Ontario we just have to do well!



This year a hardy group of 6 stalwarts and 2 guests were there to FYBO, VE3ATC, VE3AXL, VE3EFZ VE3FLB, VE3KRP and VE3XT. Logan, AXL's nephew later joined us, for an introduction to QRP to the field.



As you can see we set up a QTH of plastic sheeting and tarps and were quite warm and toasty in our temporary shack, even though the temp was -10 C (20 F)!

We had a nice selection of rigs to choose from, including two FT-817's and a K1. So we were operating both cw and ssb, so there was a mode for everyone. The antennas were put up just before the operating session started and were two endfed vertical / long wires. We also had a nifty little Miracle Whip Multi Band Antenna that also gave a good accounting of it.



Left to right: VE3FLB, VE3EFZ, VE3AXL, VE3ATC, VE3KRP, VE3XT

I would like to give a special mention to my XYL, **Rita** for the chili and buns and her mobile soup kitchen that arrived at just the right time to ward off the cold.

While we only made 5 QSO's if the fun factor can be used we came in first place. But this also lets us plan for next year, and then look out! Hope you can make plans to join us also.

**Bill VE3XT**

*NINE EXCUSES FOR NOT SUPPORTING YOUR RADIO CLUB(LARC)*

*Senator Dave Kimpton VE3AVS*

1. **The meetings are always boring, nothing interesting happens** – an excuse used by those who simply want to be entertained. The Executive works hard to find topics and speakers of interest and have done a good job.
2. **All they do is talk about repeaters** – not true; actually the only time you hear about this topic is when a brief monthly report is given or a technical problem has developed.
3. **It's the same old "clique" running things** – some of us who don't want to really **DO** anything often use this excuse. That "same old clique" is open for change in the Fall elections.
4. **Nobody ever listens to me anyway** – got some fresh ideas? Talk them over with the anyone on the Executive first before introducing your thoughts at a general meeting. You'll be well received. Why not submit your name for office?
5. **All they want is my dues** - sure the Club wants your dues. There are a lot of expenses in operating a successful club like LARC. Repeater maintenance costs \$\$\$ and some users just free-load. But LARC also wants your **PARTICIPATION**.
6. **I paid my dues but don't get HI-Q** – so, did you talk to the Treasurer? The Secretary? Or do you just sit back and complain? All club positions are filled voluntarily by human beings and we all make mistakes.
7. **The Club has never really done anything in years** –what a poor excuse. In fact, this has been a banner year for the LARC. A handful of members spent many hours putting together a first-class Emergency Response trailer. Did you get out to see it at the Field Day site? Why not?
8. **I never get called to help at public service events** - well, how do the organizers know you're interested and available if you don't attend the meetings? Offer your services and you'll be well received.
9. **The dues keep going up and it's too expensive** – LARC is **NOT** a profit-making organization, but neither should it operate yearly at a loss. The current fees \$35) haven't been changed in years. Your support helps keep the club solvent.

**Membership List Updated February by Ed Baumann VE3SNW**

CALL	FIRST	LAST	ADDRESS	CITY
VA3EAP	Judith	Artist	317 SOUTH HIGH STREET APT3	THUNDERBAY
VE3MAJ	Robert G	Barker	116 CHERCOVER DRIVE	THUNDERBAY
VE3SNW	Edmundt R	Baumann	736 S NORAH ST.	THUNDERBAY
VA3BEL	Vic	Bel	1815 Murray Ave	THUNDERBAY
VA3DPB	Donald	Bel	662 DALHOUSIE DR.	THUNDERBAY
VE3XRC	Norman James	Bell	217 UNIVERSITY DRIVE	THUNDERBAY
VE3BCD	Laurie Akbert	Bridgett	1104 ROSEDALE AVE	THUNDERBAY
VA3BRN	Gerald	md(r)	388 E. CHRISTINA ST.	THUNDERBAY
VE3JCC	Chris	Burney	108 DAVID STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3WC		Chadwick		THUNDERBAY
W	Clarence	Contin	451 MCKELLAR ST N.	THUNDERBAY
VE3DWP	Daniel W G	Darling	233 HERON STREET	THUNDERBAY
VA3RCR	Fred	Erickson	253 First Side Road	Murillo
VE3BHN	Robert	Gillespie	192 RUPERT STREET	THUNDERBAY
VA3OJ	Randy	Gottfred	2174 ROSSLYN RD.	THUNDERBAY
VE3RVA	Robert W	Hansen	735 ALICE AVENUE	THUNDERBAY
VE3MXJ	Brad	Harris	307 SOUTHGATE CRT.	THUNDERBAY
VE3WF	John	Hastie	242 SOUTH HIGH STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3EWH	Edward (Ted)	Holseth	585 REDWOOD AVENUE	THUNDERBAY
VE3EMI	John Michael	WEST		THUNDERBAY
VE3AVS	Richard David	Kaleta	579 N.COURT STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3NCN	Joan	Kimpton	122 IBBETSON STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3FAL	Frederick Andrew	Klemacki	244 Egan St	THUNDERBAY
VA3RBK	Ralph	Lesnick	RR 1	S. Gillies
VE3INI	Andrew	Lund	145 Fanshaw St.	THUNDERBAY
VA3ROM	Robert C.	Malcolm	364 TOLEDO STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3AKW	Ralph	Mazur	82 Lawrence. Ave	THUNDERBAY
VA3MOB	Maureen	McIntyre	318 HARVARD ST.	THUNDERBAY
VE3MPT	Manuel	Meredith	78 GORDON AVE.	THUNDERBAY
VE3AXL	Phil (Mr.	Migueis	390 LAMBTON PLACE	THUNDERBAY
VE3ZG	Wonderful)	Moorey	219 Hume Rd	Kakabeka Falls
VA3PRD	Michael	Nawrocki	210 POPLAR AVENUE	THUNDERBAY
VA3CLF	Roger s	Palahnuk	541 THORNDAL CRES.	THUNDERBAY
VE3LX	Cliff	Pratt	711 KELLY STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3NPS	Herman	Prenger	286 Hilldale Road	THUNDERBAY
VA3PP	Nestor	Procup	1017 WEST FREDERICA STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3KRH	Patricia Ann	Pugh	242 MCKIBBON ST.	THUNDERBAY
VE3EFZ	Stephen James	Robb	202 SECORD STREET	THUNDERBAY
VA3JMS	Kenneth Ivan	Rusnak	573 HODDER AVENUE	THUNDERBAY
	John	Sacek	1273 REGINA AVE.	THUNDERBAY

VA3TFS	Terry	Saunders	435 RYERSON CRESCENT	THUNDERBAY
VE3NHX	Lindo C	Scalese	593 FAIRCREST STREET	THUNDERBAY
VA3EDX	Michael Joseph	Skillen	105 PINEDALE PLACE	THUNDERBAY
VA3LU	Terry	Stewardson	1440 NORKOOLI RD. RR#3	THUNDERBAY
VE3ARY	Roy	Teniuk	2491 15TH SIDEROAD	THUNDERBAY
VE3XT	William Peter	Unger	165 RIDGECREST RD.	THUNDERBAY
VA3MVR	Mark	Vaillant	180 Center St	Murillo THUNDER BAY
VE3FLB	Rob	VanWyck	188 Peter St	THUNDERBAY
VE3ICY	Glen Arthur	Wallace	637 HYDE PARK	THUNDERBAY
VE3GTX	John Barry	Watson	484 MARION STREET	THUNDERBAY
VE3ATC	Leo Joseph	Wehrstedt	RR1-2011 MURPHY AVENUE	THUNDERBAY
VA3RKN	Gerry	White	28 HILL ST.SOUTH	THUNDERBAY
VE3HZW	Michael	Wolowich	523 WILTSHIRE CRESCENT	THUNDERBAY
Nocall	Fortunato	Michelizzi	2107 Freeman Drive	THUNDERBAY
Nocall	Joe	Coghlan	151 Court St. North #31	THUNDERBAY
Nocall	Robert	Manduca	220 Heron St.	THUNDERBAY
Nocall	Bill	Janik	409 Collins Place	THUNDERBAY

### **Editor Says:**

There was no second Thursday Meeting this month, so that we may have our meeting in the luxurious setting of the Slovak Legion Sun Room ,February 21, 2004.Tickets are \$24 and available from members of the executive.There will be great food as usual and this year entertainment in the form of a professional Magician.I don't know if he can explain the magic of radio,we'll have to quiz him.See you there!Thank you to Bill Unger,DaveKimpton,Bill Klemacki, and Ed Baumann for the excellent articles this month.

**Glen Wallace VE3ICY**